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It is respectfully requested that the art listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and on the attached International Search Report in the corresponding PCT application (PCT/JP99/05290; copy of Search Report is attached) in the above captioned application be considered by the Patent Examiner in this application.

These documents are as follows:

- (1) Japanese Pat. Appln. No. 10-215284 filed August 11, 1998;
- (2) Japanese Pat. Appln. No. 11-155030 filed June 6, 1999;
- (3) Japanese Pat. Appln. No. 11-003317 filed January 6, 1999;

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- (4) Japanese Pat. Appln. No. 10-089980 filed April 10, 1998;
- (5) Japanese Pat. Appln. No. 10-164272 filed June 19, 1998;
- (6) European Pat. No. 0 695 985 filed February 7, 1996;
- (7) European Pat. Publ. No. WO 9204671 filed March 19, 1992;
- (8) Japanese Pat. Appln. No. 11-149451 filed June 2, 1999;
- (9) Japanese Pat. Appln. No. 10-105516 filed April 24, 1998;
- (10) Japanese Pat. Appln. No. 9-081518 filed March 28, 1997;
- (11) European Pat. No. 0 686 905 filed September 3, 1996;
- (12) Japanese Pat. Appln. No. 8-106436 filed April 23, 1996; and
- (13) Japanese Pat. Appln. No. 7-200479 filed August 4, 1995.

If the Examiner wishes that copies of these references be forwarded to him, the undersigned will request the applicant to provide copies of same.

It is believed that these references are no more relevant than the references that have been cited during the prosecution of the subject U.S. patent application.

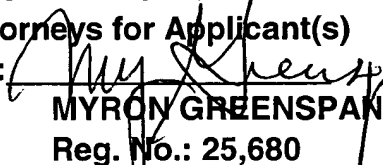
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